

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dang Vo on June 15, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 6, the phrase "set of the" has been changed to --set indicating the--

In claim 11, line 7, the phrase "set of the" has been changed to --set indicating the--

In claim 14, line 6, the phrase "set of the" has been changed to --set indicating the--

In claim 17, the preamble "A computer-readable medium for performing idle handoff comprising instructions executable to" has been changed to

--A computer-readable medium storing a program for performing idle handoff which comprises computer readable instructions executable to"--

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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An apparatus for performing idle handoff, comprising (inter alias) means for compiling, at a mobile station, a first set of base stations with received energies exceeding a predetermined threshold, means for receiving a second set indicating the base stations with resources to provide communications to the mobile station, and means for performing an idle handoff by the mobile station in an access state to a base station common to the first set and the second set , as indicated in independent claim 1.

An apparatus for performing idle handoff, comprising:

a searcher configured to measure received signal energies from a plurality of base stations; and a control processor configured to:

compile a first set of the base stations with received energies exceeding a predetermined threshold; receive a second set indicating the base stations with resources to provide communications to the apparatus; and perform an idle handoff in an access state to a base station common to the first set and the second set, as indicated in independent claim 11.

A mobile station, comprising:

an antenna configured to receive signals; a control processor configured to: compile a first set of the base stations with received energies exceeding a predetermined threshold; receive a second set indicating the base stations with resources to provide communications to the apparatus; and perform an idle

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handoff in an access state to a base station common to the first set and the second set, as indicated in independent claim 14.

A computer-readable medium storing a program for performing idle handoff of the method of claim 1.

Conclusion

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AHMED ELALLAM whose telephone number is (571)272-3097. The examiner can normally be reached on 7-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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